

ABSTRACT

A heat radiating mechanism of an optical pickup apparatus is provided such that the heat radiating mechanism includes an optical pickup 10 that guides a laser beam from a semiconductor laser to an optical disc 2 placed on a turntable 1 and guides a return light from the optical disc 2 with a light receiving element as well as being movable in a tracking direction A, a protective cover 30 that is arranged between the optical disc 2 placed on the turntable 1 and the optical pickup 10 and protects the optical pickup 10, and a ductile heat conducting member 40 that is connected to the optical pickup and the protective cover 30 and conducts heat from the optical pickup 10 to the protective cover 30, thereby achieving a small size, a light weight, a low cost, and an excellent heat radiation.